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(TEXT) MOSCOW-THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS PROTESTED TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE LAUNCHING OF U.S. BALLOONS INTO THE AIR SPACE OF THE USSR.

THE NOTE OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO THE UNITED STATES WAS HANDED OVER ON SEPT. 3 BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR, ZARUBIN, TO THE INTERIM CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE UNITED STATES, DAVIS.

IT POINTS OUT THAT THE USSR GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE STEPS TO STOP SUCH ACTIONS BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES. IN RECENT TIMES, THE NOTE POINTS OUT, SEVERAL BALLOONS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED IN USSR AIR SPACE. THEY HAD AUTOMATIC PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMERAS FOR TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE AIR, A TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING RADIO STATION, AND OTHER SIMILAR EQUIPMENT FASTENED TO THEM. FOLLOWING STUDY OF THE INSTRUMENTS, THEY WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE BALLOONS WERE LAUNCHED BY U.S. AIR FORCE PERSONNEL.

THE USSR GOVERNMENT, IN ITS NOTE OF FEB. 8, 1956, DECLARED THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT IN THE FUTURE THE LAUNCHING OF BALLOONS WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF FLYING OVER SOVIET TERRITORY.

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